

LIBERTY TOP

SILKY STITCHING FOR THE
ULTIMATE INDULGENCE

Given the chance to mix dreamy vintage with a luxe fabric from the purveyors of classic style, how could we refuse? This gathered top, with its flattering back opening, sloping shoulders and snug hip line, is a dream to make and lets you create something tailor-made to your body shape while giving your silk-sewing skills a chance to shine. Or, if you prefer, choose a soft Tana Lawn as a suitable canvas for your Liberty love!

ESSENTIAL KIT

Main fabric, 14m x 80cm
Embroidery thread
Fusible interfacing, 20cm
Small button, 15mm

MEASURING GUIDE

For front and back, you need two pieces, one wider for the gathered front. Take your hip or bust measurement (whichever is largest). Add 20cm for ease and seam allowance. Divide by two to give width measurement for top back piece (a). Add 8cm to get width measurement for front piece (b).

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Cutting Guide

Front neckline:

Cut one on fold

Front neck facing:

Cut one on fold

Back neck facing:

Cut one on fold

Back facing opening:

Cut one

Front and back:

Take 60cm strip, selvedge to selvedge

Cut one back (a) and one front (b) according to width measurements

Use 1.5cm seam allowance, unless otherwise stated
Iron on interfacing to the reverse of all facing

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for beginners

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1 Download pattern from makeittoday.co.uk and cut out the neck pieces, plus the front and back as measured separately. Fold the body sections in half widthways and pin to mark the centre front and back. Place the front neckline piece against the body top and cut, following the upper edge; use the neck facing to cut the back neckline in the same way. Press.

2 Mark two points on the front, 15cm down each far side, then draw a line to meet the neck and trim to create the shoulder shaping. Repeat for the back. On the front, tack 6mm from the top raw edge between the marker points, leaving long thread ends. Fasten at one side, then pull one thread to gather the fabric.

3 Join the front and back at the shoulders, right sides facing, using a 1cm seam allowance. Finish the raw edges, press and top-stitch. Sew the neck facings at the short edges, right sides together, using a 1cm seam allowance. Press open. Fold, press and stitch a 6mm hem around the outer edge of the facing ring.

4 Finish the raw side and lower edges of the back opening facing, leaving the top line unstitched. Pin the facing ring to the neck's raw edge, right sides facing, matching the side seams. Ease the front gathering evenly and match to the neckline all the way around.

5 Place the top edge of the back opening rectangle on the centre back, right sides facing. Tack and sew around the neckline, using a 1cm seam allowance. Stitch the opening as shown on the template. Cut the centre line and make a small V incision at the lower section, taking care not to disturb the stitching.

6 Nick the curved edges and corners of the neckline seam allowance, and fold to the wrong side. Push out the curves and corners of the allowance, and press. Secure the neck facings at each side seam with a few hand stitches.

7 Sew the long raw edges by folding over 1cm, then another 1cm. Hem the bottom in the same way. Pin the front to the back. Mark 21cm down from the shoulder and 4cm up from the lower edge, and sew between the points using a 1cm seam allowance. Press seam open and sew lower slit. Hand-stitch button loop to the opening. Cover a button, then attach to the opposite side.

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